

NORTHWEST SUBURBAN PALOMINO LEAGUE RULES FOR 2010

These are the Northwest Suburban Palomino Rules for 2010. If a situation occurs that is NOT covered in these rules. At that time, the umpire will defer to the National Federation of State High School Associations rules. Text in **RED** indicates a change or addition from previous year.

- 1.) Players must be 18 to **29** years of age as of **June 1st of the calendar year; the player would be eligible for the 2010 season.** There are no restrictions on residency or procedures a manager uses to form his team. For the Palatine teams please see league draft rules for the palomino league. Teams are to have matching uniforms. The minimum requirement will be a baseball cap and a jersey with jersey numbers at least 4" in height and in a contrasting color to the jersey. No jersey is to duplicate another team member's number and each player is to wear the same number for every game. In the event that a player will be participating in a game without his uniform, that player must present his driver's license to the opposing manager in order to prove his eligibility. No jewelry is to be worn by any player, only a Medical Alert bracelet or a chain style Alert tag.
- 2.) Continuous batting order. Players who arrive after a game has started will be placed in the last position in the order. If a player is **ejected** from a game and that team size is reduced to 8 players, the removed player's position in the batting order will be declared an out for the balance of the game. If a player is removed from a game, and that team's size is reduced to 7 players, than that team will forfeit the game.
- 3.) A slaughter rule takes affect when a team is ahead by ten or more runs after the opposition has completed batting for the fifth time.
- 4.) Every player must play a minimum of three defensive innings in a 6 or 7 inning game, or a minimum of 2 defensive innings in a five inning game. As a manager does not immediately know when a game will be shortened by the slaughter rule, it will be necessary for him to rotate his players for the first five innings until this ruling is achieved.
- 5.) Once a player is removed as a pitcher he cannot return to pitch in the same game. Other than this requirement and rule number 5 there is unlimited substitution. There is no Balk warning. An umpire is to act on all Balks.
- 6.) A player must be removed as the pitcher if he hits three batters in one game. He may continue the game at another position.

- 7.) A team must field a minimum of eight players at all times during a game or forfeit. If managers agree to play the game without the required compliment of players, they May do so but the forfeit ruling stands regardless of the ending score. If needed, Teams can call up as many as three members of their Colt league but they will not be allowed to pitch.
- 8.) The home team is to provide a minimum of, **Two new baseballs** and any additional needed used baseballs per game.
- 9.) The home team dugout will be on the third base side. Out-of-play foul balls are to be recovered by the home team anywhere from directly behind the umpire and to his left. The away team is to recover those directly behind the umpire and to his right.
- 10.) Time restrictions on games will be enforced. A game must commence within **twenty** minutes of its scheduled time or the delaying team will suffer a forfeit. There is no mutual agreement between managers that rescinds the forfeit rule. Managers can mutually agree to play the game after the time limit expiration but the forfeit ruling stands. In all situations the official time will be the umpire's watch, or if not available, the watch of the umpire's choosing. It is the responsibility of the winning manager to notify the umpire of this rule when the time expires.
- 11.) If a game is halted by an umpire, the score reverts back to the previous complete Inning. If a game is tied after five innings, it shall be recorded as a tie game. If the Home team ties or takes the lead in any inning after 4 ½ innings have been played, then the score will not revert back to the prior inning and the called game shall be declared a complete game. If a game is halted before 4 ½ innings have been played, the game shall be suspended and rescheduled to continue another Day, from the point of suspension. Both scorebooks must be marked: inning, batter, count, base runners, runs scored, pitcher, outs, and signed by both managers in the rescheduled game, any player who was not at the suspended game can play, but they must be placed at the bottom of the order just like any player who arrives late. Games that have another game after them and all 8 pm games will have a 2 hour 15 minute time limit from the scheduled start time. There will be no time limit on other games. The exception will be the Hamilton field which has a start of 6:00 PM and 8:15 PM and a game limit of **Two hours and five minutes there are No Exceptions!** This is for weekdays only.
- 12.) The home team will set up the field while the away team warms up. Fifteen minutes before the start of the game the home team uses the field to warm up. It is the away team's responsibility to arrive early enough to complete their warm up drills without infringing on the home team's field time.

- 13.) Pitchers and Catchers “ of record “ can be run for at anytime with a pinch runner who made the last batted out, excluding the pitcher. The Catcher must be replaced after two outs this will be Mandatory! **ONLY THE PITCHER AND CATCHER OF RECORD FOR THAT INNING CAN BE SUBSTITUTED WITH A PINCH RUNNER.** Courtesy runners will be allowed, but only a situation where a player is injured and cannot run, we strongly suggest that a manager consider removing the injured player from the game to prevent further and more serious injury to that player.
- 14.) Umpires are responsible for calling a batter/runner out who missed tagging a base or left a base too early on a fly out. **with two umpires at any game appeals are now allowed.**
- 15.) A runner must slide if needed to avoid dangerous contact with a fielder. A runner who fails to slide and runs into a fielder shall be declared out. The only exception would be an umpire’s opinion that the contact was too incidental to be deemed a threat to a player’s safety. If an umpire judges that contact was flagrant, the runner is to be declared out and ejected from the game. If due to the ejection that team size is reduced to 8 players, the ejected player’s position in the order will be declared an automatic out for the balance of the game. If the team’s size is reduced to 7 players, that team will forfeit the game. Any ejected party will be suspended from the next ballgame, regardless if anyone feels the umpire was incorrect in his judgment ruling.
- 16.) A pitcher who pitches five or more innings in one day must not pitch again for one calendar day. A pitcher may pitch no more than seven innings in one day and no more than **fourteen** innings in a calendar week. In a double header, a pitcher may pitch in both of the games but must not exceed the maximum of seven innings in a day or **fourteen** innings in a week. The week starts on Sunday and ends on Saturday. We suggest each manager post in his scorebook the number of innings each opposition pitcher pitched, and has it signed by the opposition manager at the end of the game. If a manager does not do this, the Rule Commissioner will not have adequate information to rule on a violation. In crossover games between the two divisions, the Rule Commissioner will have jurisdiction. A pitcher who pitches any portion of an inning is considered to have pitched one inning. Any manager can request to look at the opposition manager’s scorebook to verify a pitcher’s eligibility.
- 17.) Players, coaches, and managers are to comply with the IHSA ruling of Section 3 entitled “Bench and Field Conduct”. Copy attached. In addition, the manager is responsible for parents, relatives, and fans of his team, in complying with the same rule. It will be the judgment of the umpire to issue a warning of a violation, eject a violator, or order a forfeit. Any player, coach, or manager, ejected from a game will be suspended from his next game and is subject to further disciplinary action by the Rule Board. Any individual who is ejected a second time will receive a minimum of a two game suspension. Any individual involved in physical aggressive contact like shoving, striking, or wrestling with anyone will suffer a minimum of a four game suspension. The umpire will judge if one of the

two combatants was only protecting himself or if both individuals should receive the suspension. A manager is to notify his Rule Commissioner, Joel Krandel, Tony Sansone, Tom Polka, or Mike McWilliams of any ejections on his team, including his own, failure to report within twenty-four hours will result in additional actions as more suspensions, game forfeitures, or possibly removal from the league. Any ejected or suspended manager, coach, or spectator must remove themselves from anywhere near the field, dugout, and spectator area, so as to have no influence over the game.

- 18.) Winning managers are to notify Joel Krandel within forty-eight hours of a win or he will rule it a tie. **Positively no appeals after the forty-eight hour deadline has passed.**

- 19.) If managers cannot agree on a rain out or suspended game reschedule date they are to notify the Home team Rule Commissioner who will order the game be played on the next available day. It will be the next available day regardless if one team must play seven games in a row. It is in your best interest to work out a schedule on your own. Teams will receive two points for a win, one point for a tie, and no points for a loss or a game that is not played. If you do not make up games at the first available date you may find yourself unable to make them up at the end of the season due to schedule conflicts, unavailable fields, etc. The season ends on the date noted on the schedules. There will be no extensions on this set date. If you are rained out the Home team must:
 - a.) Notify the opposition manager well in advance of game time.
 - b.) Call and cancel the ump's. You are not to assume under any circumstance that the umpire knows the game is cancelled, until you call. **The Hoffman Estates, Schaumburg and Roselle teams will cancel their own umpires. The Palatine teams and any affiliate teams that use UMPS INC. must call Tony Sansone or Joel Krandel to cancel your umpires.**
 - c.) Either reschedule your rainout game directly with your opposition manager within 72 hours or notify the Rule Commissioner to do so. Failure to notify the Commissioner within 72 hours will result in a forfeit by the Home team. **Again, no appeals after the 72 hours have passed.**
 - d.) Reschedule the umpires by whatever means that each team has set up. If the Rule Board agrees that for any "just" reason a game could not be made up due to regular season deadline, field availability, etc, they will declare the game a tie. This tie will only be awarded if the managers made every available effort to reschedule but it was impossible to do so.

- 20.) By no later than the first week of the season, each manager will provide a roster to their Rule Commissioner and to each manager. The roster shall be a **Maximum of no more than 16 players per team.** Players showing names, and uniform numbers. Players may be added anytime during the regular season as long as they have paid the required registration fee and the Rule Commissioner is notified prior to that player's involvement in a game.

- 21.) To be eligible for a tournament game a player must have played in, or attended as an injured bench member, a total of 9 complete regular season games. **Or half of the actual played games.** An injured bench member is someone who cannot play due to injury but joins his teammates on the bench to watch the game. It would eliminate a lot of probable accusations if a manager with an injured bench member would notify the opposition manager of that player, note it in their scorebook, and ask the opposition manager to initial the book. At this time, this will be considered a request instead of a rule.
- 22.) Tiebreakers will first be the best record in head to head competition. If still necessary the next tiebreaker would be the most points scored against the other head to head team. The third tiebreaker would be a coin toss.
- 23.) There are no appeals or protests. The umpires wrong or right decision on the field will be the final decision. Managers should explain to their players that every umpire will make a mistake so they are to score as many runs as possible so an umpire's error in judgment could not affect the correct outcome of a game. Neither the Rule Board nor the Rule Commissioners can overrule an umpire's decision.
- 24.) The home team is to provide a minimum of **two** umpires per game. In a situation where an umpire fails to show up, the game can still be played if both managers agree on someone else who is available to ump the game. Once both managers agree, the appointed umpire's correct or incorrect decisions will rule on the field and the results of the game will count in the standings.
- 25.) There will be two Divisions. Trophies for the regular season will be awarded to the first, second and third **place** teams in each Division. Each Division will then have their own separate double elimination tournament. Winners in each Division will then meet in a World Series game. Trophies will be awarded to the teams that compete in the World Series game.
- 26.) The umpires decision during a game, whether it be right or wrong, is final and cannot be overruled by the Rule Commissioner or the Rule Board. All parties agree that it is critical for umpires to have control of the game and this could not be achieved without complete authority on the field. If a manager believes an umpire is a major problem, he must provide a written report to his Rule Commissioner. He must provide specifics, names and phone numbers of witnesses, any and all documentation needed to **prove** his case. Only a manager can register a complaint. The above represents the **only** course of action anyone is to undertake to solve a problem with an umpire.
- 27.) During the course of the season there will be some rule violations that may be accidental or intentional. It is the responsibility of the manager to know all of the rules so in either case the penalty will be the same whether it was accidental or intentional. It will be the duty of the Rule Commissioners or Rule Board to present a decision on each situation without bias or favoritism, and with a punishment appropriate and equal to the crime, if time allows, the Rule Commissioner will poll the Rule Board for their opinions on a ruling, and comply

with the majority. If the the members of the rule Board do not reply in a reasonable amount of time *or* an immediate ruling is required; the rule commissioner will have the sole responsibility and his decision will be final. Joel Krandel will be this year's commissioner for all divisions.

- 28.) If a bat lighter than -3 is used, the batter will be declared an immediate automatic out and the situation on the field restored to the condition prior to that at bat... A second offense by any member of that team in the same game or any subsequent game will result in a forfeit of that game and an automatic next game suspension for that player in violation. Any additional violations will result in more severe penalties as decided by the Rule Board. Any bat that does not display its rating or cannot be read by the umpire is an illegal bat. No bat rated less than -3 is to be used in practices, warm ups, or games in order to reduce the chance of injury to any player or coach.
- 29.) **Player/manager rule:** A Manager or Coach who is also a player is subject to a different ruling when it involves his visits to the mound. If he is a catcher he is allowed the usual conversations with his pitcher as allowed to any other catcher. the umpire always has the option to restrict visits or shorten their time span if he feels it a delay tactic. This call will be completely at the umpire's discretion. If a manager or Coach who is a player leaves any other position for the sole purpose of visiting with his pitcher, it will be considered a Manager visit to the mound. If a manager confers with another player and then sends that player to the mound, it will be considered a Manager visit. Other players may meet with their pitcher to set up defensive plays, etc, and return and notify the player/manager of their plan without it being ruled a visit to the mound. All mentioned is completely the discretionary ruling of the umpire. (Bottom line: Player/Managers should stay away from the mound as much as possible to prevent an unfair advantage and to prevent being penalized for a visit. We suggest that the umpire be notified prior to the game of a manager/Coach so that he is aware of the situation and can rule properly. The umpire's ruling is final.
- 30.) It is the responsibility of each manager/ coach to keep an accurate score book for all games, which should include a pitching log for both teams. (Name and number) any team NOT keeping an accurate score book, will not be assigned any playoff games.